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1. Miersdorf has been selected as the location for the new Nuclear Institute simply on a question of buildings. Apparently it is believed that a large hall will be needed for the machinery of the new institute. The original decision was to take the chapel at the DDR Academy of Sciences in Berlin-Buch but subsequently a building in Miersdorf seemed more appropriate.
2. The original intention in Buch circles had been to produce some radioactive material for medical and other research. It is not known if plans have now been enlarged. It is known that a one-million-volt "Bandgenerator" (Van de Graaf generator?) is to be built by OSJ. Personnel for the new institute is not yet known. Herr Otterlein,* Referent for physics in the Academy and a former member of the Manfred von Ardenne group, is believed to be connected with the planning.

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* [redacted] Comment: The former connection of Herr Otterlein with Manfred von Ardenne may be of interest. There is hardly any personnel in the DDR at present qualified to head or man an institute of nuclear physics. There exists a faint possibility that such an institute may be in preparation against the return of German scientists now in Russia, in particular von Ardenne himself, Richl, Thieszen, Hertz and their colleagues.

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